

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON DC 20554

DEAR HONORABLE CHAIRMAN:

REFERENCE RM-10811

I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF RETENTION OF THE MORSE  
CODE REQUIREMENT FOR ALL AMATEUR OPERATION ON THE HF CW SUBBANDS.

1. AS A FORMER UNITED STATES NAVY FLEET RADIO OPERATOR DURING THE  
WW2 CONFLICT, I CAN ATTEST TO THE RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS VIA THE MORSE CODE CW  
MODE OF OPERATION. MORSE CW WAS ADAPTABLE TO THE ART  
OF CRYPTOGRAPHY AND THUS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE  
WAR.

2. THE CORP OF OPERATORS NEEDED TO TRAIN THE MILITARY OPERATORS CAME FROM THE  
AMATEUR RANKS THANKS TO THE REQUIREMENT  
THAT THEY BE PROFICIENT IN THE SENDING AND RECEIVING THE MORSE CODE CW.

3. THE BENEFITS OF BEING TRAINED IN THE ART OF MORSE CODE CW ARE LEGEND. MORSE  
CODE TRANSCENDS LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND IS UNIVERALLY UNDERSTOOD AMONG TRAINED  
OPERATORS WORLD WIDE.

4. MORSE CODE IS NOT CONFINED TO RADIO WAVELENGTHS AND CAN BE TRANSMITTED OVER  
DISTANCE BY BLINKING LIGHT, THE BLINK OF THE EYE, THE SQUEEZE OF THE HAND AND IS  
KNOWN AS A VALUABLE TOOL IN SAVING LIVES IN MANY EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

5. IN THESE DAYS OF LIMITED SPECTRUM AVAILABILITY THE NARROW BANDWIDTH OF MORSE  
CODE CW BEING ONLY 25 HERTZ MAKES IT A MOST DESIRABLE MODE OF OPERATION,  
ESPECIALLY WHEN COMPARED TO THE 3000 HERTZ NECESSARY FOR VOICE MODE COMMUNICATION  
AND ITS USE SHOULD BE NURTURED BY THE AMATEUR COMMUNITY AND ENCOURAGED BY THE  
COMMISSION.

6. THERE OF COURSE ARE THOSE THAT WANT TO STRIP THE MORSE CODE CW  
REQUIREMENT AS A CONDITION TO OBTAINING A AMATEUR LICENSE USING SUCH NEGATIVE  
REASONING THAT IT IS UNFAIR TO THE HANDICAPPED, OLD FASHIONED, IS KEEPING  
NEWCOMERS AWAY, ANTIQUATED AND UNNECESSARY.

7. I CALL UPON THE COMMISSION TO REJECT THESE NIHILISTIC ATTITUDES AND RETAIN  
THE MORSE CODE REQUIREMENT OF 5 WPM FOR THE NOVICE AND TECHNICIAN CLASS AND 13  
WPM FOR THE GENERAL, ADVANCED, AND EXTRA CLASS LICENSE.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXPRESSING MY VIEWS.

SINCERLY,

GLEN F. WISE

GENERAL CLASS LICENSE, WA8RDW